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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Two cruisers were observed at anchor in Vayenga Bay (N69-05, E33-26). They had two funnels and two masts.
2. At Miktin Point (not located) there is a floating dock with an estimated capacity of 15,000 tons. The dock was in lifted condition and filled with motorboats.
3. At Murmansk shipyard, eight destroyers were seen. Seven were berthed, and the eighth was on the slip, red-lead painted and apparently new. 25X1
 They had tripod masts, a radar dome, and a square radar antenna 25X1
which resembled the type mounted on German naval vessels during World War II. These destroyers were supposed to have been of the O and O II classes, but they may not have been all of the same class, and there may have been minesweepers among them.
4. There was a large submarine at the shipyard, about 120 meters long and very streamlined. The bow was higher than the deck, and from above it looked like a barrel. No guns were seen on deck. The submarine might have been one of the K-class, but could also have been one of the new anti-submarine submarines, similar to the American type.
5. Ten large destroyers were observed entering port. They were described as longer than those seen at the shipyard, of modern design, with two funnels and two single masts with the after mast in front of the after funnel. They had radar as seen on merchant ships. The antenna was working and revolving very slowly, about one revolution every 20 seconds.
6. The ten destroyers appear to have been of the SILNIY class, but the number was so large that there may have been other types or minesweepers among them.

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